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I admit, I am not an expert on insect control or pesticides that are used to control insect problems. I am however a citizen who is concerned with recent permitting changes that restrict the mosquito abatement / control programs that limit mosquito problems in the area where I live in Richland, WA.

My concern lies in the fact that the new rules will effectively mean that mosquito districts can't spray for the swarms not proven to carry diseases such as West Nile, etc... This means that testing of any swarm will be required before it can be sprayed with a pesticide. This seems like a highly expensive method for mosquito abatement. It also seems illogical in a sense that the mosquitoes will already have hatched and be spreading their diseases if they can not be proactively managed across the board. This could lead to higher disease transmission rates to humans.

Please, do whatever you can to allow for proactive abatement programs. The plans seemed to work fine in the past, let's bring back those rules.

Respectfully,

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